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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the income of some major ports during last three years;

(b) whether the expenditure increased by these ports in these years has also been constantly increasing;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the port-wise details thereof; and

(e) the specific steps taken to increase the efficiency of the major ports and cut operational/administrative costs in each port with particular reference to Paradeep port ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a), (b) & (d) : The major port at Ennore has been dedicated to the Nation on 1st February, 2001.Out of remaining 11 major ports, in the case of 3 ports only viz. Kandla Port Trust (KPT),Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), the income has been declining during the last three years whereas the expenditure of these ports has generally been increasing as per figures given below:-

Name of the Port	Income (Rs. in crores) 98-1999	99-2000	2000-2001	Expenditure (Rs. in crores) 1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Kandla	344.92	369.85	326.61	133.82	154.93	155.95
Mumbai	735.82	675.91	620.86	665.93	641.15	1093.12
JL. Nehru	482.31	475.29	443.17	246.86	342.24	341.97

(c) The income of Mumbai and Kandla Ports have declined mainly because of fall in trafficvolume, while the income of Jawaharlal Nehru Port has declined because of shift of containertraffic from the port operated Container Terminal to the private terminal operated by Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT). The main reasons for increase in expenditure ofthe ports has been rise in salaries and wages and other input/utilities costs as also increased payment of retirement benefits on account of roll back of age of retirement from 60 to 58 years and voluntary retirements taken by port employees/workers.

(e) Improvement in efficiency and reduction in operational/administrative cost is a continuous exercise at all major ports, including Paradip Port. The modernization programmes being undertaken at present lay emphasis on acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment, improved marine services, labour training, computerization and Electronic Data Interchange and setting upof vessel traffic management system. While the operational parameters at major ports have generally shown improvement during the last three years, the operational/administrative cost has not declined due to general rise in salaries/wages, expenditure on utilities, etc.